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Appl. No. : 10/706,888
Applicants : Prabodh P. Parekh *et al.*
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Title : Synergistically-effective composition of zinc ricinoleate and one or more substituted monocyclic organic compounds and use thereof for preventing and/or suppressing malodors
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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.105

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is responsive to the Request For Information issued on April 10, 2007. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Request is set to expire on July 10, 2007. This response is filed within the shortened statutory period. No extension of time is believed to be required.

In the Request For Information, Examiner requests information on the zinc rincinoleate-containing composition of claim 2 and the specific mixtures of cyclohexyl compounds used in examples II, III, and IV with respect to their commercial availability and sources.

Applicants submit that both the zinc rincinoleate-containing composition of claim 2 and the specific mixtures of cyclohexyl compounds used in examples II, III, and IV are commercially available. Further, the zinc rincinoleate-containing composition of claim 2 is the same as the TEGO® Sorb Conc 50 product disclosed in paragraph [0067] of US Pub. 2003/0199402. The mixtures of cyclohexyl compounds used in examples II, III, and IV are the same as the VEILEX products disclosed in US 6,432,891.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 12-1295.

Respectfully submitted,



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